



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES  
HUMAN AND CULTURAL RESEARCH CODE**

**Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Location: CRIT Tribal Council Chambers.**

These proposed amendments to the Human and Cultural Research Code ("Code") are the result of review by the Ethics Review Board ("ERB"), after working with the Code for approximately ten years. These revisions were prepared with significant input from the Mohave Elders Committee, the Chemehuevi Redfoot Committee, and with guidance from the Tribal Council of the Colorado river Indian Tribes.

The ERB, the Mohave Elders Committee and the Chemehuevi Redfoot Committee recommended the following modifications to the Chapters, Sections and paragraphs identified as follows:

**Page 3:** Chapter 1 – new section added ("Section 1-104 – Code Review") to ensure the Code undergoes review for effectiveness on a 5-year schedule. (Mohave Elders Comm.)

Chapter 2, Section 1-201:

Paragraph (b) – inserting the word "shall" – which appeared to be intended, but missing from the original Code language.

Paragraph (c) – adding clarity and express direction to the ERB to reach out to appropriate CRIT leadership, departments and staff, including Mohave Elders, Chemehuevi Redfoot Committee and THPO. (Chemehuevi Redfoot Comm.)

**Page 8:** Chapter 3, Section 1-303:

Paragraph (a) – extending the records retention period to ten (10) years for proposals resulting in publication of a report or research article.

**Page 9:** Chapter 4, Section 1-402:

Paragraph (b) – revised protocol and specific time requirements for reporting adverse incidents occurring while research is underway on the CRIR, to enhance safety of CRIT members, researchers and the public at large. (Additional edits suggested by Chemehuevi Redfoot Comm.)

Paragraph (c) – notifying researchers that failure to comply with reporting requirements will be deemed a violation of the HCR Code.

**Page 11: Chapter 6, Section 1-601:**

Paragraph (c) – specifying that any tribal member who participates in a research project shall be provided with a statement of her or his rights in a language s/he understands and that statement be made in ‘layman’s terms’.

**Chapter 8, Section 1-801:**

Remedies: increases range of money potential damages from \$500 per violation, up to \$25,000 per violation.

The ERB, the Mohave Elders Committee and the Chemehuevi Redfoot Committee, believe these proposed revisions to the Human and Cultural Research Code will help clarify the rights and obligations of researchers and further protect tribal subjects or participants, by reducing the risk of harm to CRIT member’s personal privacy, social and religious activities and cultural practices.

Written comments from the public will be accepted at the address below until **5:00 p.m.** on **November 29, 2018**. Any comments submitted will be made a part of the legislative record and will be considered for incorporation into the final Code. Submit comments to:

Colorado River Indian Tribes  
Office of the Attorney General  
26600 Mohave Road  
Parker, Arizona 85344

The proposed Code can be viewed online and printed at: <http://www.crit-nsn.gov>. Copies will also be available at the Tribal Administrative Bldg. and the CRIT Library, located at 26600 Mohave Road, Parker, Arizona.